ought to be assigned seniority in the cadre with effect from the date from which they were continuously officiating in the said posts.

(b) and (c) Information regarding *ad hoc* promotees who have been working as such since 1980 and have not been regularised as on 1-4-1988 is being obtained from Western and other Railways and information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The judgment has to be viewed in the context in which it has been given and the circumstances obtaining in the Indian Economic Service and the Indian Statistical Service.

Linking Trivandrum and Madurai by declaring these Roads as National Highways

1870. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala Government have submitted any project/proposal to link Trivandrum and Madurai via Moovattupuzha by declaring these roads as National Highways; if so, the details thereof;

(b) when it was submitted;

(c) whether this proposed National Highway will be linked with Cochin and NH 47; if so, details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The Government of Kerala have been projecting the requirement from time to time for the declaration of the Cochin-Madurai Road and of the M. C. Road emanating from Trivandrum and terminating at Angamali (near N.H. No. 47) running along Moovattupuzha as National Highways. However, owing to limitation of resources under the Central Sector Roads programme and other priority considerations, it has not been possible to accede to such requests in the Kerala State.

Non-implementation of Gratuity and Family Pension

@1871. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the gratuity and family pension claims upheld by the Regional Labour Commissioner (C), Bombay in 1984 have not been implemented so far;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no action has been taken on the claims of Shrimati Shakuntala D. Dandekar, Wife of Late Shri D. G. Dandekar of Andheri, Bombay which had also been upheld;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Patients attended in the AIIMS, PGIMER and JIPMER

1872. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of out patients attendance in AIIMS, New Delhi, PGIMER, Chandigarh and JIPMER, Pondicherry in the year 1986-87; and

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@Previously Unstarred Question 1172, transferred from 6th May, 1988.